

# Community Emergency Response Team



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# CERT

- ◆ A neighborhood, workplace, or school team trained by emergency service professionals to take care for themselves, loved ones and others following a major disaster when professional responders are overwhelmed or delayed in meeting immediate needs.



# Training Features

- ◆ 20 hours of instruction and hands-on training
  - Disaster Preparedness
  - Fire Safety
  - Medical Operations
  - Disaster Psychology
  - Light Search and Rescue
  - Team Organization
  - Terrorism Awareness
  - Final Exercise



# Benefits of CERT

- ◆ Involved community members
- ◆ Empowered to help others in their immediate area
- ◆ Know and trusted supplementary workforce to assist professional responders in disasters
- ◆ Potential volunteer resource for preparedness projects and exercises



# CERT Today

- ◆ 1259 listings on CERT Directory  
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/CERT/>
- ◆ Approximately 50,000 reported completions since January 2002
  - Over 1,000,000 hours of basic training delivered
  - CERT Independent Study



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